available. However, some limited surveys show that about 30 per cent of the children born in India have weight less than 2500 grams. The main causes of infant and child mortality are prematurity, disorders of respiratory system, diarrhoea, tetanus, malnutrition and fevers. Measures to improve and strengthen the Maternal and Child Health Care Programme during the 7th Plan include expansion of the existing health infrastructure, training of manpower, health education, adoption of risk approach, universal immunisation of children, control of diarrhoeal diseases, prophylaxis against nutrtional anaemia and supplementary nutrition under the I.C.D.S. Scheme.

Discontinuation of services from Palwal to Delhi

*60. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Northern Railways have discontinued the services of Electrical Multiple Unit (EMU) from Palwal to New Delhi; and

(b) if so, what are the rasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVARAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Rehabilitation of flight engineers of boeing 707

251. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India proposes to induct shortly Airbus A-310 for which there is no flight engineer station;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the airbus will replace Boeing 707 for which there is a fight engineer station;

(c) if so, how many flight engineers are likely to be rendered surpuls in Air India as a result of the change; and

(d) what plans have been drawn up by Air India to rahabilitate the affected flight engineers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. Air India propose to introduce Airbus A-310—300 aircraft into service this year. This aircraft has no provision for a Flight Engineer.

(b) Yes, Sir. Airbus aircraft is essentially to replace Boeing 707 aircraft. Boeing 707 aircraft has a Fligh Engineer.

(c) About 30.

(d) They would be provided alternative employment and at a later stage they are likely to be re-absorbed as Flight Engineers due to expansion and vacancies arising out of retirement.

Training of the Flight engineers of Air India

252. SHRIMATI ILA BHATTACHARYA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the flight engineers of Air India contend that they have not been trained as per the procedures laid down by the DGCA to perform the task of certifying an aircraft at transit stations where a qualified aircraft maintenance engineer is not available;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by Air India to rectify the situation; and

(c) what was the additional expenditure incurred by Government during the last three years for carrying extra fuel to distant diversionary stations and in terms of hotel accommodation etc. as a result of flight engineers refusing to carry out this task?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) and